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NWT Labour Force Activity
- May 2014 -

In May 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,700 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 68.0% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 61.2%.

There was no change in the participation and employment rates from the previous month. However, the unemployment rate increased to 9.2%, as more people looked for work. This upward trend in the unemployment rate was noticed between March and April as well.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, May 2014

	May-14	Apr-14	May-13
Population	31,900	31,900	32,100
Labour Force	23,800	23,800	24,700
Employed	21,700	21,700	22,500
Unemployed	2,200	2,100	2,200
Not in Labour Force	8,100	8,200	7,400
Participation (%)	74.6	74.6	76.9
Employment (%)	68.0	68.0	70.1
Unemployment (%)	9.2	8.8	8.9

Figure 1 Employment Rates
Northwest Territories, 2012-2014

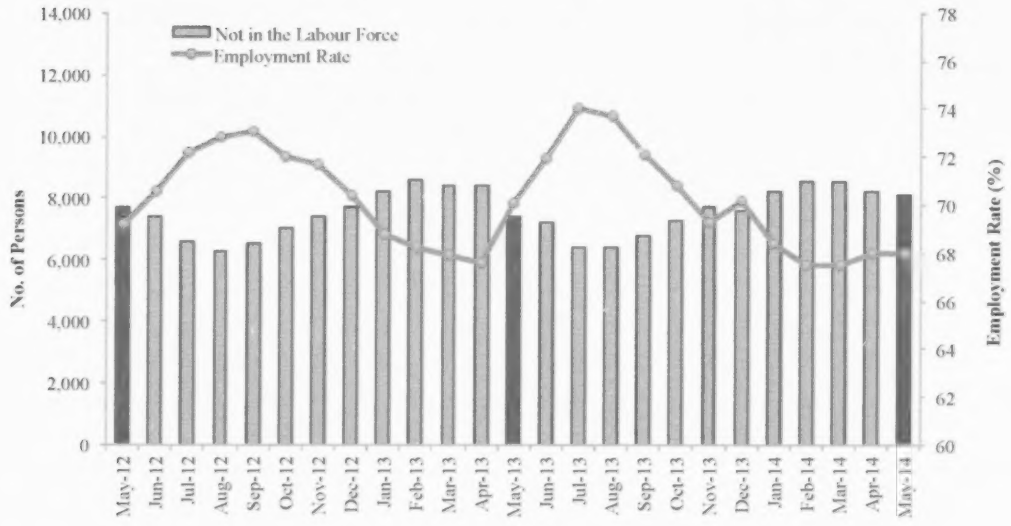

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Table 2 shows the number of employed persons and the employment rate by key characteristics. Between April 2014 and May 2014, the employment rate increased for both aboriginals and non-aboriginals, and for people living in Yellowknife.

Table 2 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	May-14		Apr-14		Mar-14	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,700	68.0	21,700	68.0	21,600	67.5
15-24 Yrs.	2,800	43.7	2,800	43.7	3,000	46.2
25 Yrs. & Over	18,900	74.1	18,900	74.1	18,600	72.9
Males	11,300	68.5	11,300	68.5	11,600	69.9
Females	10,400	67.5	10,400	67.5	10,000	64.9
Aboriginal	7,500	51.7	7,400	51.4	7,700	52.7
Non-Aboriginal	14,200	81.6	14,300	81.3	14,000	80.5
Yellowknife	12,300	78.8	12,300	77.8	12,000	76.9
Other	9,300	57.1	9,400	58.0	9,700	59.1

There were 800 fewer jobs in May 2014 compared to May 2013 (Table 3). The drop in the number of persons employed occurred in both full-time and part-time employment. Over the last 12 months, there has been a shift away from the public sector and into the private sector and self-employment.

Table 3 ***Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics Northwest Territories, May 2014***

				Apr-14 to May-14	May-13 to May-14
	May-14	Apr-14	May-13	Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,700	21,700	22,500	-	(800)
Full-time	19,200	19,100	20,000	100	(800)
Part-time	2,400	2,600	2,500	(200)	(100)
Employees	19,700	19,600	20,800	100	(1,100)
Public	8,500	8,500	10,000	-	(1,500)
Private	11,200	11,100	10,800	100	400
Self-employment	2,000	2,000	1,700	-	300
Goods Producing	3,700	3,600	4,000	100	(300)
Service Producing	18,000	18,100	18,500	(100)	(500)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
May-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,200	8,100	74.6	9.2	68.0
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
Previous Years:								
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
May-12	32,100	24,300	22,200	2,100	7,700	75.7	8.6	69.2
May-11	32,100	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,600	76.3	8.2	70.1
May-10	32,300	22,500	20,800	1,700	9,800	69.7	7.6	64.4
May-09	32,200	22,900	21,300	1,600	9,200	71.1	7.0	66.1
May-08	32,100	23,800	22,200	1,600	8,300	74.1	6.7	69.2
May-07	31,600	24,800	23,400	1,400	6,800	78.5	5.6	74.1
May-06	31,100	24,300	23,100	1,100	6,900	78.1	4.5	74.3
May-05	31,200	23,200	22,100	1,000	8,100	74.4	4.3	70.8
May-04	30,900	23,600	21,900	1,800	7,200	76.4	7.6	70.9

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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